AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (currently amended) A lacrosse stick comprising:
- a. a head portion comprising a head frame for receiving a mesh thereon, at least a distal end of the head frame being yieldably flexible; and
- b. a rigid, elongated stem portion extending from a proximal end of the head frame, the stem and head frame sharing at least a common continuous exterior material so as to define a unitary structure, wherein the stem and head frame differ in material flexibility, and wherein at least one of the head frame and the stem is fabricated by injection molding.
- 2. (original) The lacrosse stick of claim 1, wherein the head frame and stem are mechanically joined, the stick comprising a continuous sheath covering the head frame and stem so as to define a unitary external structure.
- 3. (original) The lacrosse stick of claim 2, wherein the sheath comprises a polymer.
- 4. (original) The lacrosse stick of claim 2, wherein the sheath comprises a composite material.
- 5. (original) The lacrosse stick of claim 1, wherein the head frame and stem are integrally continuous portions of a single mechanical structure.
- 6. (original) The lacrosse stick of claim 5, wherein the head frame and stem are integrally fabricated by injection molding.
- 7. (original) The lacrosse stick of claim 1, wherein the head frame contains a progressively reduced amount of reinforcing material.

- 8. (original) The lacrosse stick of claim 6, wherein a combination of materials injected to form the stem provide greater rigidity than materials injected to form the head frame.
- 9. (original) The lacrosse stick of claim 1, wherein the stem is formed around a tubular metal mandrel.
- 10. (original) The lacrosse stick of claim 2, wherein the stem is fabricated from aluminum, a light weight metal, wood, or a composite material.
- 11. (original) The lacrosse stick of claim 2, wherein at least a portion of the head frame is fabricated from a flexible plastic.
- 12. (original) The lacrosse stick of claim 1, wherein the entire head frame has greater flexibility than at least a portion of the stem.
- 13. (original) The lacrosse stick of claim 1, wherein the distal end of the head frame is angled such that an upper rim of the head frame protrudes distally of a lower rim of the head frame.
- 14. (original) The lacrosse stick of claim 1, wherein the stem and head frame comprise composite materials.
- 15. (original) The lacrosse stick of claim 14, wherein the composite materials comprise glass, polymer, arimides, carbon, boron, or ceramics.